

**REGULAR MEETING  
TRIBAL FORESTRY COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 28, 2008 – 3:00 P.M.  
TRIBAL OFFICE BOARDROOM**

1. Chairman Kenneth A. Fish called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. Roll call was taken with a quorum present. MEMBERS PRESENT: Kenneth A. Fish, Legislator Myrna Warrington, Tony Waupochick, Al Pyatskowit (late), Walter Cox, Jeremy Pyatskowit, Barbara Caldwell and Susan Waukau. MEMBERS ABSENT: Dave Grignon. Also present: Chris Caldwell, Marcus Wilber and Linda Peters, recorder.

2. Moment of Silence. A moment of silence was observed.

3. Approval of Minutes dated September 23, 2008

Myrna Warrington would like the years 2008 and 2009 added to the respective General Councils listed in the minutes to complete the FMP. Mrs. Warrington would also like a status report on the contractor that offered payment in exchange for certain volumes in our forest. Susan Waukau also would like to see the documentation on this contractor offering to pay for the certificate in exchange for certain volumes in our forest.

**Motion made by Anthony Waupochick to approve the minutes dated September 23, 2008 with the noted corrections. Second was by Jeremy Pyatskowit. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 6 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 2 absent (A. Pyatskowit and Grignon).**

4. Discussion: Trust Resources – Trip Report

Chris Caldwell informed the committee that he attended the Annual BIA Agency Forester's meeting held in Fort Snelling, MN and has made requests for assistance in the following areas: Program Review Timber Harvest Administration, Program Review Forest Management Inventory and Planning, Program Review Silviculture, Program Review Forest Development and Wildfire Management Program.

The committee discussed if someone else can be assigned to the Program Review Forest Development because Dave Congos is the BIA Forest Development representative for our area and Mr. Congos does not have a good history with our Tribe.

Ms. Warrington stated for the record: "I object to (Mr.) Congos having any dealings here because we have enough problems with politics on our own. We do not need any outsiders coming in here, stirring up and supplying information. I object to him being any part of things going on down here and maybe that other person (a representative from our forestry staff) will have to go up there". Mr. Caldwell will check to see if we can request a different site representative even if Mr. Congos will still complete the review.

5. Discussion: FMP-Primer

The committee agreed that the current Forest Management Plan and all the guiding documents need to be placed onto CD disks. The committee will review the disks for comments and this will be reviewed at a special meeting. Mr. Caldwell will provide a power point presentation at this special meeting.

**Motion made by Susan Waukau to table this item. Second was by Myrna Warrington. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 6 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 2 absent (A. Pyatskowit and Grignon).**

6. Discussion: Trust Asset Accounting and Management Systems (TAAMS)

This item is not ready for discussion.

**Motion made by Myrna Warrington to table this item. Second was by Susan Waukau. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 6 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 2 absent (A. Pyatskowit and Grignon).**

7. Update: BIA Solicitor's Opinion on Trust Responsibility on Menominee

The committee reviewed the status report that was provided by Bill Kussel.

8. Trust Resource's Director's Report – September, 2008

Chris Caldwell informed the committee that the MTE invoices are running 2 months behind submittal. The committee discussed the carry over funds on the BIA contracts and if there is any money left. There are three portions on the BIA funding. The committee would like to see the forestry road section that Community Development oversees.

9. Other business:

\* FYI Upcoming Meetings

Chris Caldwell informed the committee that there are some training sessions that would be beneficial for the committee to attend. These sessions will be held January 27-29, 2009 at the Mystic Lake Casino. This is for tribal and federal representatives to discuss accomplishments, upcoming activities and issues in regard to tribe and BIA run Forestry and fire programs coming up in January that would be beneficial for the committee.

**Motion made by Myrna Warrington to recommend to the Legislature that if any committee member is interested in taking this trip that they submit a request to the Chairman's Office under the Forestry Committee. Second was by Susan Waukau. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 6 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 2 absent (A. Pyatskowit and Grignon).**

(Al Pyatskowit entered the meeting at 4:00 p.m.)

CORRECTION TO MTL MOTION DATED OCTOBER 16, 2008

Chris Caldwell informed the committee that the MTL motion dated October 16, 2008 to approve the silviculture prescriptions needs to be corrected as it is referencing the wrong section and sub-sections of Ordinance #05-22.

Tribal Ordinance 05-22 (Tribal Logging Practices) was adopted with amendments on October 2, 2008.

The Forestry Committee recommendations dated September 15, 2008 were approved at the October 16, 2008 MTL meeting.

The correction is needed due to the wrong Section is listed in the motion. "Section D., and sub-section 1.b." is listed in the motion when it should state "Section E., and sub-section 3.a."

**Motion made by Myrna Warrington to recommend to the Legislature to correct the Menominee Tribal Legislature motion dated October 16, 2008 to state "...according to Tribal Ordinance 05-22, Article III., Section E., and sub-section 3.a, with the added stipulation that MTE obtain all walkovers and implement all exclusions noted by the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer before treatment preparation of the proposed areas, and that a plan of action is provided by November 17, 2008 which states how MTE will adhere to prescription without a Forest Ecologist on staff. " Second was by Susan Waukau. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 6 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (J. Pyatskowit) and 1 absent (Grignon).**

Marcus Wilber requested information from the committee on the clear cutting practices of the Tribe. Mr. Wilber will be provided a copy of Ordinance #05-22 (Tribal Logging Practices) and a copy of the Forest Management Plan and meet with Chris Caldwell to address his concerns.

Due to conflicting meetings and schedules, the Tribal Forestry Committee will meet regularly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month starting at 3:30 p.m.

10. Adjournment.

**Motion made by Jeremy Pyatskowit/Barbara Caldwell to adjourn the meeting.**

Meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Peters, recorder  
Chairman's Office

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